GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3336
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LEAKAGE FROM NUCLEAR PLANTS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `leakage from Nuclear Plants` appearing in the `Dainik Jagran` dated October 15, 2002 and `Rashtriya Sahara` dated October 20, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the number of employees and officers who suffered physical impairment due to the said leakage?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINIST OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) Yes. Sir.

(b) & (c) The news item was based on a report published in the Christian Science Monitor on October 11, 2002. The radioactive releases from the nuclear power plants to the environment are well within the limits prescribed by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB). In 200 reactor years of operation in India, there have been no accidents. A technically sound mechanism is in place in every nuclear power plant to ensure the safety of workers and the public.

(d) No employees or officers have suffered physical impairment due to incidents of leakage in nuclear power plants.